

SWEN20003

Workshop 5, Week 6

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Inheritance

Building on top of existing classes

```
public class Shape {  
    private final double centreX;  
    private final double centreY;  
  
    public Shape(double centreX, double centreY) {  
        this.centreX = centreX;  
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    }  
  
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```
public class Square extends Shape {  
    private final double width;  
  
    public Square(double centreX, double centreY, double width) {  
        super(centreX, centreY);  
  
        this.width = width;  
    }  
  
    public double getArea() {  
        return width * width;  
    }  
}
```

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- Square **inherits** the `centreX` and `centreY` attributes, and the `toString()` method.
- It **has another method**, `getArea()`.

The super keyword

- Shape does not have a **default constructor**. We can call its constructor using super.

```
public Square(double centreX, double centreY, double width) {  
    super(centreX, centreY);  
  
    this.width = width;  
}
```

- We could also access any public attributes or methods of Shape using super, similarly to this.

Method overriding

- We can **override** superclass methods by defining another method with the **same name and arguments**.

```
public String toString() {  
    return String.format("Square at (%.2f, %.2f) of width %.2f",  
        getCentreX(),  
        getCentreY(),  
        width);  
}
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definition provided by
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